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MEMORANDUM FOR: Special Assistant for Liaison, OSA

SUBJECT: Pilots' Risk of Capture Training

1. Within the next several months, hopefully, the OXCART Program will achieve a status of Limited Operational Capability. As you know the officially stated target date for this operational readiness is 1 April 1964 - only a little over three (3) months away. Although there are many, many facets yet to fall in place, I think you will agree that every question and action, which can now be resolved or taken, must be given the required attention.

2. The basic cover story, resistance to interrogation training, and a Headquarters policy with regard to what a driver may say in the event of capture, are all related to some degree and should be considered as an integrated problem. However, it is my understanding that the Resistance to Interrogation is of a general nature and can be practically employed when related to specifics of cover story and authorized disclosures.

3. Of course we would like all these areas planned down just as soon as possible. Perhaps the most pressing requirement, since it involves a considerable lead time for individual training to insure proper indoctrination, is the question of what information will be authorized for release by a captured pilot. Will there be several categories of information, graded according to sensitivity, beyond which the pilot will not consciously reveal?

4. Request you give this your attention and attempt to obtain an approved policy at the earliest possible time.

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